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MARJORIE CRAIG BENTON

You are a national and international humanitarian focusing on the needs of women and children. You are the honorary chair and founder of Save the Children Federation in Westport Connecticut. You are the honorary chair and founder of The Peace Museum, Chicago Foundation for Women and the Women's Issues Network, all located in Chicago.

You are internationally recognized by the organizations, activities and causes that you have embraced. You spent the early part of your career working in the field of arms control and disarmament, serving as a delegate to the special session on disarmament for the United Nations in addition to being a special advisor to the United Nations Disarmament Commission.

You have been honored by numerous national and international organizations and by several universities with their honorary degrees. You have spent 40 years being actively involved in the Democratic party, including being a delegate to conventions and being a member of the Democratic National Committee.

You have been described as being defined by the purpose which drives you, your convictions that everyone deserves the chance to make something of themselves and to contribute to their society. Indicative of your humanistic spirit, you are the extra push that some people need at times.

For your fierce commitments and determination as an impatient activist who fights for principle and for fairness, Governors State University is honored to confer upon you at this year's commencement an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters Degree.